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SUBJECT: Proposed Soviet Defector Fjodor GAVRILOV

1. Sargeant Fjodor GAVRILOV,

born September 14, 1918, at TAMBOV (RSFSR),
father: Matfej GAVRILOV, mother: Natasha,
last residence: 14, Basarnaja ulica, TAMBOV,

for the last three years clerk with Soviet Komandatura
at HAINBURG (Lower Austria), assigned to the Commanding
Officer personally, is ready to defect.

GAVRILOV will proceed to VIENNA in the near future
on an official trip. He will have to use this instance
for his defecting. The exact date can not be given yet,
but should be any day between now and the end of the month.

GAVRILOV has been ordered to take everything accessible
to him with him, especially all service regulations, forms,
samples of passes, lists of officers, further everything
pertaining to higher Headquarters, other Soviet Komandaturas,
units, samples of stamps etc.

At VIENNA, he will change into civilian dress (already
at hand), take a taxi, and immediately proceed to the
Monastery of the Salesian Fathers at VIENNA III., 45,
Hagenmullergasse. There he will remain until being called
for (when a letter with the signature of his fiancée and
Eugenie DOSTOJEVSKAJA has to be produced - letter follows).

An immediate decision has been necessary because of
GAVRILOV's pending trip to VIENNA (and the uncertainty,
when he could otherwise with a legal excuse leave HAINBURG).

2. The connection to GAVRILOV has been carefully planned
for several months.

Eugenie DOSTOJEVSKAJA, a collaborator of my E Group,
thru intermediation of Katharina LECHNER contacted Mrs.
LECHNER's cousin Anna, who had been secretly engaged to
GAVRILOV at HAINBURG (Lower Austria), on several occasions.

During LECHNER's last trips to HAINBURG, she negotiated directly with GAVRILOV, who informed her that he was ready to defect, and that a number of officers might follow him. DOSTOJEVSKAJA displays nationalistic Russian interests. She is a niece to the Russian writer DOSTOJEVSKI.

GAVRILOV's fiancée (Mrs. LECHNER's cousin Anna) between August 4 and 7 came to MAUERKIRCHEN, where she discussed details and received instructions concerning GAVRILOV's defecting. I was informed on August 4, and gave detailed instructions to XI 1 on August 5, which were personally discussed by VAN on August 6 at MAUERKIRCHEN. Anna returned to HAINBURG on August 7.

On August 7, I sent XI 1 to SLAB at LINE to get an introduction and recommendation concerning the arrival of GAVRILOV at the Monastery of the Salesian Fathers (address see above). Photostat of SLAB's letter to Father Anton SCHMIDT, the director of the Salesian Fathers, is attached hereto. This letter, by special courier, on August 8, was sent to Father SCHMIDT.

Anna, as was already stated, was informed in writing, what GAVRILOV was expected to take with him. She was further ordered to create a flight with GAVRILOV before GAVRILOV's trip to Vienna as not to make her appear to be in connection with GAVRILOV's disappearance. GAVRILOV, after arrival in Vienna, changed into civils, will take a taxi and report to the janitor of above Monastery, who is being informed by Father SCHMIDT that if a man giving the password 'Fjodor aus Hainburg' reports at the door, he has to take him immediately to Father SCHMIDT, who will house him at the Monastery, feed him there and guarantee that no information leaks out. Father SCHMIDT, upon GAVRILOV's arrival, will send a telegram with the wording 'Telegramm erhalten' to SLAB, who, in turn, will immediately notify XI 1.

3. May it be expected that GAVRILOV after brief notice will be picked up at said Vienna Monastery, (introduction letter described in para. 1, supposed, must be produced) and flown out of Vienna from III district airport (May it be mentioned that transportation from III district to IX district during August has to be executed with great care because of the Soviets governing the international I district this month).

Upon arrival in the US Zone, GAVRILOV should be met immediately by VAN (who with or without our accompanying) should take GAVRILOV briefly to DOSTOJEVSKAJA, who will inform him that he can fully trust the American friends introduced by her.

Anna, GAVRILOV's fiancée, after some time (as not to endanger her family living at Hainburg) will proceed under some pretense to the Western zone to become united with GAVRILOV.

4. May it be expected that the handling of GAVRILOV and possible followers will be performed with my knowledge, since I believe that my R Group, and specifically DOSTOJEVSKAJA, will be instrumental.